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REF: THE HAGUE 2747 (DTG 260953Z MAY 77)

1. ON JUNE 1 QUEEN JULIANA ASKED OUTGOING PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT.
2. QUEENS ACTION CAME FOLLOWING ADVICE FROM ALL MAJOR AND MOST MINOR PARTY LEADERS THAT DEN UYL, WHOSE SOCIALIST PARTY EMERGED AHEAD IN THE MAY 25 ELECTIONS WITH A GAIN OF 10 SEATS (FROM 43 TO 53 OUT OF A TOTAL OF 150 SEATS IN THE SECOND CHAMBER), WOULD BE LOGICAL CHOICE.

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3. AFTER INITIALLY HOLDING OFF TRADITIONAL ROUND OF PARTY CONSULTATIONS ON ACCOUNT OF MOLUCCAN TERRORIST ACTIONS, TO WHICH NO END IS YET IN SIGHT, QUEEN PROCEEDED AFTER DEN UYL, WHO HAS BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE MOLUCCAN AFFAIR, SAID PUBLICLY LATE MAY 27 THAT FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE HELD UP.

4. WHAT WILL FOLLOW NOW IS FIRST A CAREFUL SOUNDING OUT AND NEXT AN EVEN MORE DELIBERATE NEGOTIATION BY DEN UYL WITH CDA AND D'66 PARTIES ON TERMS OF NEW GOVERNMENT'S PLATFORM. SINCE THERE ARE SOME DIFFICULT ISSUES INVOLVED, INCLUDING ABORTION ON WHICH PVDA AND CDA DO NOT SEE EYE TO EYE, THIS PROCESS MAY BE PROTRACTED. PARTICULARLY AT THE OUTSET, THERE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE MUCH HARD NEWS, THOUGH RUMOR MILLS IN AND AROUND THE HAGUE WILL NO DOUBT GRIND AWAY WITH SPECULATION ABOUT THE NATURE OF POSSIBLE COMPROMISES AND IDENTITY OF MEMBERS OF NEXT CABINET. AT PRESENT, THE ONLY NEAR CERTAINTY IS THAT DEN UYL WILL ONCE AGAIN BE PRIME MINISTER. ONLY FAILURE IN HIS EFFORTS WITH CDA AND A FRESH QUEEN'S MANDATE TO ANOTHER PERSON TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF A CENTER-RIGHT COALITION WOULD KEEP DEN UYL FROM GOING BACK TO THE CATSHUIS. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT DEN UYL IS TOO SEASONED TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED HIMSELF.
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